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Title: System and Method for Visualizing Business Agreement Interactions

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\$1730☐ The extension fee has already been filed in this application.☒ (b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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	Visualizing Business	§		(HPC.0516US)
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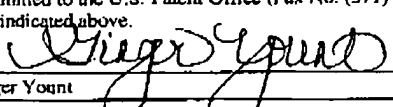
The final rejection of claims 1-26 is hereby appealed.

I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is Hewlett-Packard Development Company, LP, a limited partnership established under the laws of the State of Texas and having a principal place of business at 20555 S.H. 249, Houston, TX 77070, U.S.A. (hereinafter "HPDC"). HPDC is a Texas limited partnership and is a wholly-owned affiliate of Hewlett-Packard Company, a Delaware Corporation, headquartered in Palo Alto, CA. The general or managing partner of HPDC is HPQ Holdings, LLC.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

None.

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III. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 have been finally rejected and are the subject of this appeal.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

No amendments after final rejection have been submitted.

V. SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The following provides a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings by reference characters, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v). Each element of the claims is identified by a corresponding reference to the specification and drawings where applicable. Note that the citation to passages in the specification and drawings for each claim element does not imply that the limitations from the specification and drawings should be read into the corresponding claim element.

Independent claim 1 recites a method of visualizing business agreement interactions, the method comprising:

dividing parties into at least three types (Fig. 4; Spec., p. 5, ¶ [0017], lines 1-11);

displaying one or more parties of a first type as nodes in a first region of a view window (Fig. 4; Spec., p. 5, ¶ [0017], lines 1-11);

displaying one or more parties of a second type as nodes in a second region of the view window (Fig. 4; Spec., p. 5, ¶ [0017], lines 1-11);

displaying one or more parties of a third type as nodes in a third region of the view window, wherein the third region is at least substantially between the first and second regions (Fig. 4; Spec., p. 5, ¶ [0017], lines 1-11); and

displaying agreements between parties as lines between corresponding nodes (Fig. 4; Spec., p. 5, ¶ [0017], lines 1-11).